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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO POSTPONEMENT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S
TRIP

1. LIMA'S SIX MORNING NEWSPAPERS, ALL GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED OR
INFLUENCED, CARRIED NEWS ON APRIL 15 OF POSTPONEMENT OF SECRE-
TARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO PERU. PLAYBACK FROM PRESS FOLLOWS.

2. MASS CIRCULATION, MODERATE, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC INFLUENCED
EL COMERCIO HAS TWO COLUMN, FRONT PAGE STORY ENTITLED "KISSINGER
DEPLORES INABILITY TO TRAVEL TO PERU; BEGINS TRIP ON 23RD; WILL
ONLY VISIT ATLANTIC COUNTRIES." NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT PERUVIAN
FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED THAT SECRETARY HAD TO LIMIT
LATIN AMERICAN TRIP FOR GLOBAL REASONS, AND THAT SECRETARY IN-
FORMED FONMIN DE LA FLOR THAT HE HAD FIRM INTENTION TO TRAVEL TO
PERU THIS YEAR. WASHINGTON-DATELINED, FACTUAL UNITED PRESS STORY
FOLLOWS IN NEWSPAPER.

3. EDITORIALLY LEFTIST, SECOND LARGEST DAILY, LA PRENSA, HAS
STORY ON PAGE TWO. STRAIGHTFORWARD LIMA-DATELINED ASSOCIATED
PRESS STORY IS ENTITLED "IN MESSAGE TO DE LA FLOR, KISSINGER
REGRETS INABILITY TO VISIT PERU."

4. LEFT LEANING, ANTI-AMERICAN, GOVERNMENT-OWNED LA CRONICA
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BURIES VISIT AT BOTTOM OF PAGE 12. UPI'S WASHINGTON STORY IS
HEADED: KISSINGER BEGINS ATLANTIC SWING."

5. RADICAL, COMMUNIST STYLE EXPRESO BANNER HEADLINES: "KISSINGER IS NOT COMING TO PERU." IN COMPOSITE STORY BASED ON WIRE SERVICES, EXPRESO WRITES THAT VISIT "WILL TAKE PLACE AT MOMENT WHEN SECRETARY OF STATE IS CRITICIZED IN MANY NORTH AMERICAN POLITICAL SECTORS. EVEN THE INFLUENTIAL NEW YORK TIMES, WHICH DEFENDS INTERNATIONAL ZIONISM, HAS ALREADY EDITORIALIZED THAT KISSINGER IS A DISPENSABLE FIGURE." ON PAGE 21, EXPRESO CARRIES SPANISH NEWS AGENCY (EFE) ITEM FROM WASHINGTON, ENTITLED: "FORD DESTABILIZES HENRY KISSINGER; HE WILL BE TERMINATED AS HEAD OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL."

6. LEFTIST, OFTEN SPITEFULLY ANTI-AMERICAN CORREO, BANNER HEADLINES "KISSINGER IS NOT STOPPING IN LIMA." IN TYPICAL FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL STYLE, CORREO COMMENTS THAT "HE IS NOT COMING TO PERU BECAUSE HE UNDERSTANDS THE DIGNIFIED AND SOVEREIGN LINE OF THE PERUVIAN REVOLUTION." NOR WILL HE GO TO CHILE BECAUSE U.S. CONGRESS HAS CONDEMNED GENERAL PINOCHET'S REPRESSIVE GOVERNMENT. INSTEAD, HE WILL GO TO BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA, THE GREAT FRIENDS (SIC) OF THE UNITED STATES. HE IS GOING TO VENEZUELA BECAUSE OF OIL, CORREO GOES ON. KISSINGER WILL BE TRAVELING AS A BRUISED MAN. YESTERDAY, HE LOST HIS NSC POSITION, MORE IMPORTANT THAN BEING SECRETARY OF STATE. EFE STORY MENTIONED IN PRECEDING PARAGRAPH IS CARRIED IN CORREO'S INSIDE PAGES.

7. LOWBROW TABLOID, OJO, HAS FRONT-PAGE HEADLINE INSERT: "DEFINITE: KISSINGER CANCELS LIMA VISIT." FACTUAL WIRE SERVICE REPORT IS CARRIED ON INSIDE PAGES.

8. COMMENT: THIS IS ONLY ROUND ONE. ANTI-AMERICAN, LEFTIST COLUMNISTS WHICH PREDOMINATE IN LOCAL PRESS MAY APPEAR IN ROUND TWO. DEAN

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